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## REPORT TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

### Hats Off to Anga!

Although what is about to be said here is seemingly on a political subject, fundamentally it's a personal subject, not just for the writer of it, but for the great number of AFL people who feel the same way about it.

It's about Anga Bjornson. Bless her heart, she's one of the most gallant fighters for the right that this county or any other county has.

The job of taking on State Senator Breed, and of trying to get a good liberal into the Legislature in place of him was a big one, from which timorous people unwilling to work hard certainly would shy away. But Anga took it on, worked hard, conscientiously, and effectively, so effectively that she gave that wealthy and conservative gentleman the scare of his well upholstered conservative life.

Anga didn't win the election, but she won the hearts of those labor and liberal people who didn't already know what a jewel of devotion and steadfastness she is.

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### An Ideal Senator

During the moments of highest hope in the recent campaign, when it looked as though we'd win even more than we did, it was a delight to let one's mind dwell on the way she'd stir things up in the Senate.

Anga would have read the important bills, and found the jokers in them. She never hesitates to work like a tractor pulling a plow. And it takes a real worker to plow through the bills that are hurled into the legislative hopper. Nobody can possibly read them all, but a real worker, such as Anga, picks out the ones containing important issues, and digs in, often turning up as much dirt as a real plow does, too!

In committee, and on the floor of the Senate, Anga would have been a zealous, living person, not a wire-worked dummy.

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### A Wish Come True

When not a candidate, Anga has never hesitated to pitch right in and work hard for the candidates. She is a living illustration of what we wish when we say, all of us, from time to time, that if more decent folks took a steady interest in politics, we'd have real democracy in this country.

Well, Anga is one of the decent folks that does just that. She's intelligent, she's interested, and she's indefatigable.

Hats off to Anga!

### Club Members Take Jobs From Workers

Joe Canale, Bartenders 52, told the Central Labor Council this week that certain clubs are violating the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act by leasing their club facilities to various organizations, and then serving food and liquor at such organizations' parties.

This Canale pointed out, means that bartenders and culinary workers are denied the job opportunities they would have if the law were obeyed and such clubs confined themselves to their proper area of activity.

"We have unemployed bartenders who would welcome these jobs," said Canale, "but now there are members of these clubs working behind the bar."

Jack Faber, Cooks 228, confirmed Canale's statement. He added that one big bank recently was preparing to hold a party, and the union learned that staff members were going to do the cooking. Faber went and talked with the bank people, and they decided to let a union cook do the work.

Canale and Faber appeal to all unions to see to it that union culinary workers and bartenders are employed at any party held by a union.

### Labor Temple Women Whist Party Nov. 13

The AFL Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary will sponsor a benefit Whist Party tomorrow (Saturday) at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

President Marge O'Donnell and Chairman Tillie Bartmess announced that prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

### Ed Clancy Is Back From Ten-day Hospital Stay

Ed Clancy, business representative of Newsreaders 96, left Kaiser Foundation Hospital Sunday after a ten-day stay during which he underwent an operation.

Clancy is recovering rapidly, and expects to be back in circulation soon.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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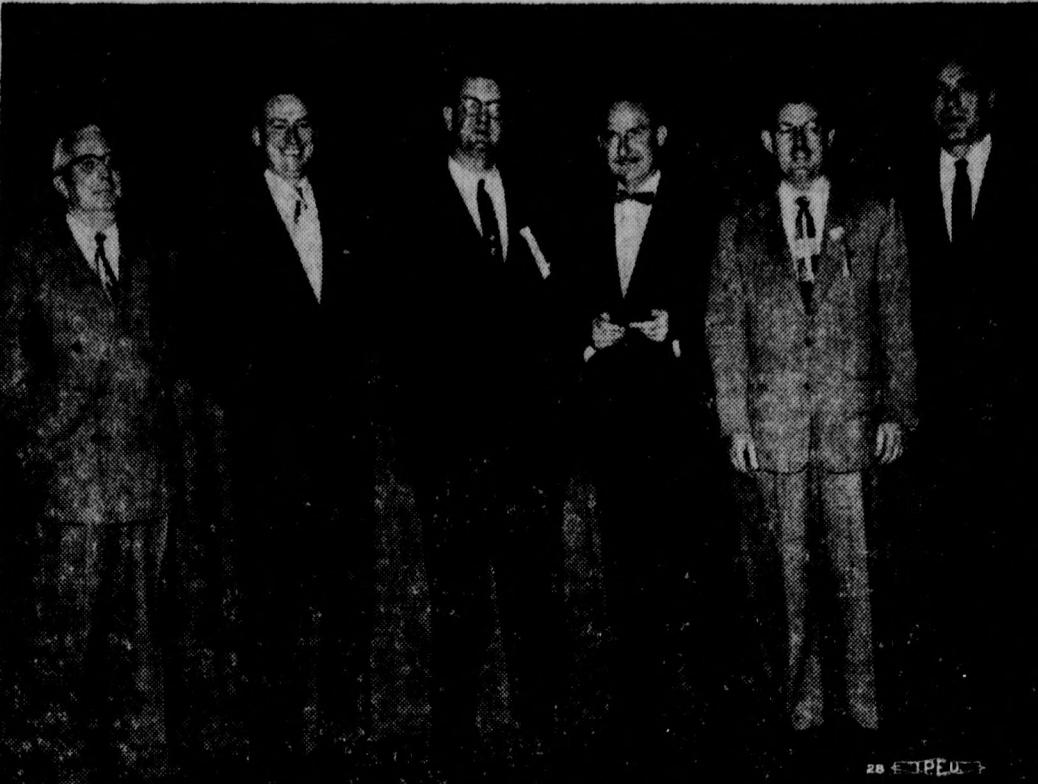
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RETAIL CLERKS' BIRTHDAY.—The 20th anniversary celebration of AFL Retail Clerks Local 870 which was held at the Oakland Auditorium on October 26 proved to be a highly successful affair with some 3500 unionists and their friends attending. Some of the many union officials who attended the gala celebration are shown above. They are (left to right) Larry Vail, secretary of the State Council of Retail Clerks; Sol Lippman, legal counsel for the Retail Clerks International Union; Harris C. Wilkin, Local 870 secretary-treasurer; James Suffridge, RCUI secretary; Charles F. Jones, Local 870 president; and Ben Crossler, RCUI vice-president and southern director.

### Retail Clerks 870 Celebrate 20th Birthday; 3500 Attend

Officers and members of Retail Clerks 870 celebrated the 20th anniversary of their union charter by holding a mammoth dance at the Oakland Auditorium on October 26 which was attended by more than 3500 unionists and a number of guests.

The festivities was highlighted by a rousing introduction of four of the nine original charter members of the union. They were Ben J. Dieden, Cecil F. Fairbanks, Floyd L. Jacobs and Sam Schoen.

Another honored guest, James Suffridge, secretary of the Retail Clerks International Union, was awarded a gold life membership union card. Suffridge, before assuming his office with the interna-

tional union, was a long-time officer of Local 870.

On tap for the enjoyment of thousands of celebrants were six top notch vaudeville acts and dance music furnished by Gary Nottingham and his orchestra. It was apparent that the entertainment and music was presented over in a big way.

Among the gay throng were about 90 guests representing most of the retail clerks' locals in Northern California. Other prominent union officials who attended as guests, in addition to Suffridge, were Ben Crossler, vice president and southern director of the Retail Clerks International Union; Larry Vail, secretary of the State Council of Retail Clerks; and Sol Lippman, RCUI legal counsel.

The campaign at Montgomery Ward is progressing very satisfactorily at an increased tempo, and we now have two full-time organizers devoting their entire effort to the Montgomery Ward campaign."

### Store Clerks In Drive at Ward's

Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, announced this week:

"The campaign at Montgomery Ward's is progressing very satisfactorily at an increased tempo, and we now have two full-time organizers devoting their entire effort to the Montgomery Ward campaign."

### Warren Man Fired By Knight One Day After the Returns

Gordon Knight got busy right away firing Earl Warren men.

Tuesday, November 2, Knight won the election for Governor largely on the platform that he was a 100% Earl Warren man.

Wednesday, November 3, Knight had the returns and learned he'd won the Governorship.

Thursday, November 4, Robert H. Wylie, San Francisco port director under the State Board of Harbor Commissioners, was fired, and it was learned that John J. Synon, Knight's personal secretary at a \$12,000 annual wage, was scheduled to succeed Wylie in the \$16,000 port directorship.

When one of the three-man Board of Harbor Commissioners asked what qualifications Knight's secretary had for the job of port director, Chairman Walkup of the board replied, according to the Chronicle:

#### 'LOOK AT RETURNS'

"Look at the election returns, and you'll find out."

Wylie, the fired director, is a 55-year-old retired brigadier general, a Democrat, who was appointed to the post 8 years ago by the then Governor, Earl Warren.

According to Dwight L. Merritt, the board member who protested the firing and who was laid off by Board Chairman Ward G. Walkup that he should "look at the election returns," the fired man is very able.

"We have the star port director in the whole country," Merritt told the press, "and we haven't got sense enough to keep him."

Merritt said that Synon, who is a publicity man and was Northern California campaign manager for Knight when Knight was elected Lieutenant Governor four years ago, "is qualified as a man and in his profession. But he is not qualified as port director."

#### SYNON SIDESTEPS

Synon, at first indicating he'd take the job, then said he wouldn't. As the S. F. Chronicle—a Knight supporter—concluded put it:

"Synon took himself out of the running on Friday, after questions were raised about Synon's action in steering a Harbor Commission insurance policy to a friend."

In the voting to oust Wylie, it was 2 to 1. Merriman stood out against it, but Harold Lopez, secretary of San Francisco Teamsters 585, joined with Walkup, head of a big dryage company, in ousting Wylie.

Walkup, Merriman, and Lopez were all named to the board by Knight, but Knight when asked in Los Angeles about the sudden post-election firing of the Warren men pointed said he didn't know anything about it.

Merriman, a real estate man, is known as one of the big fund raisers for the Republican campaigns.

Labor people who had been persuaded to support Knight in the election were said to be asking themselves how soon Knight would repudiate his "pledges" to labor, since he had so quickly begun dumping the Warren men after advertising himself as a Warrenite during the campaign.

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**HOW TO BUY****Buying Questions Answered**By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

**INSURED SAVINGS:** "I have been reading in the newspapers about the nervousness on the stock market. Businessmen are beginning to worry about the hesitation on the stock market and there is some talk about a crash like the one in 1929. I am a wage-earner, a factory worker, and I would like your opinion about how this will affect the workers as to their jobs and their little savings that they might have accumulated. Is the \$10,000 insurance to depositors a sure guarantee?"

**Answer:** No one can predict the course of the recession. Bank deposits insured by The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. are protected not only by the operating standards and bank examinations required by this Government agency, but by cash insurance. If an insured bank gets into difficulties, the FDIC must pay the depositors in cash or in a transferred deposit in another insured bank payable on demand. Some savings and loan associations—not all—have a similar form of deposit insurance through the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. However, the assets of savings and loan associations are largely in mortgages and may not be as liquid as bank assets. They are permitted to restrict withdrawals by requiring notice, although eventually repayment of insured deposits is guaranteed. But—not all building and loan associations have this insurance.

**SOCIAL SECURITY:** "I am 60, and have been covered under Social Security since it took effect until April, 1949. I have not worked since then, and do not think I will ever be able to again as I had a spinal operation. There have been changes in Social Security but don't read any good news about benefits for the covered worker under 65 who is temporarily or permanently disabled. A lot of prominent people asked for benefits for the disabled worker. Could you give me, and lot of other disabled, any information about what was done?"

**Answer:** The unions have repeatedly urged that payments be given to disabled workers but Congress has repeatedly refused—so far. But under the new "disability freeze," any covered worker totally disabled for six months or more can apply to have his earnings record "frozen" during this period. Previously when a man became disabled for a long period his average wage was pulled down by lack of earnings, and consequently he got lower benefits. If the disablement proved permanent, sometimes he and his family lost all Social Security rights because he then lacked sufficient qualifying employment.

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**FROM THE EDITOR  
TO THE LADIES:**

TWO CASES NOW, one in San Mateo county, and one in Contra Costa county, of teen-age lads in hot rod cars hurling missiles at windshields of automobiles and seriously injuring occupants of the damaged cars.

In one case, the driver's jugular vein was severed by a piece of broken glass, and only the fact that the police were near and were able to rush him to a nearby hospital saved his life.

In the other case, the husband of the injured woman drove unarmed to a hospital ten miles away, holding her cut wrist in such a way that bleeding was held up, and thus he saved her.

THEN THE CASE of the three teen-aged boys in Brooklyn who kicked a man, a total stranger to them, to death on the sidewalk after taunting him for talking to himself.

The murdered man was a partner in a business firm and the father of four children. Doubtless he was simply walking along muttering to himself while mulling over some business problem. Or maybe the poor fellow was talking to himself about worries over the way his own four children were acting?

ALSO THE CASE of the three young boys—8, 7, and 6 years old—who broke into the offices of the Western Crown & Seal Co. in Bayshore City south of San Francisco this year, poured glue all over the floor, took apart an electric typewriter, took neatly filed records out of files and threw them over the floor, set the place afire, and then left.

All sorts of primitive solutions are suggested—public whipping posts, vast prison camps for our young, and so on.

But the first remedy would seem to be for all parents to do a lot of learning about this problem, and a lot of heavy, painful thinking; plus unremitting attention to the mental welfare of their children.

**No-Account**

The lady customer, who had just spent the last hour looking at washing machines, finally decided to buy—on the installment plan.

"Yes, ma'am," said Joe McGillicuddy, who was a new salesman, "have you an account here?" "No," said the lady, "but I'd like to open one."

"Then I'll take you to see the manager," said McGillicuddy, smiling, and he led the way into his boss's office, announcing, "A no-account lady to see you, sir."

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Parents and housing conditions were blamed recently for the increasing number of unhappy children in London, the London Daily Herald says.

During 1953 the number of children under the care of the London County Council rose by 300 to 8,719. The figure has risen by 3,000 compared with four years ago, according to the council's statistics.

The number of children who have been abandoned by their parents or lack decent homes is expected to continue to increase.

Other causes that resulted in the children's care included homelessness, brought about by eviction and broken marriages, and illness that prevented parents from caring for their children.

The council said that only a minority regarded the council as "a dumping ground" for parental responsibilities. "The majority (of parents)," the council said, "part with children because there is no other way."

"Accommodation is the biggest cause," the authority adds. "Landladies say 'No children'. Parents try desperately to find somewhere else to live. Finally, the children have to come to us."

Like this happen all the time. Why?

Because we live such hop-skip-and-jump busy lives. We don't stop to think or even read what it says on a piece of paper. No time!

It isn't only drivers of automobiles that have the speed mania. We all have it, all the time. We all need to slow down.

But speaking of oddities in the news, the visit of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to this country brings up a strange fact which all may know.

It seems that in Britain, that land of strange customs, the Queen Consort of the reigning king is entitled to the tails of all whales stranded on the beaches of the British Isles.

These tails provided whalebone for the stiffening of the corsets of the Queen and her ladies-in-waiting.

At the present time there is no Queen Consort, so the question arises, who gets the whales' tails?

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**Harold Farley Wins Print Trades Contest**

Harold J. Farley, a member of Typographical Local 36, employed by University Press, became the second winner of a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond in a monthly series of contests being sponsored by the East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council. Farley, who won the October contest, was presented his prize Tuesday evening by C. Roy Heinrichs, council secretary.

First prize in the contest is awarded to any council affiliated unionist who submits the most non-union label printing material to the council for the month.

Farley, in winning, turned in 57 pieces out of a total contribution of 322 non-union label printing material.

Runners up included Mrs. Inez Gibbons, Ink and Roller Makers 5, 35 pieces; Joe Drummond, Typographical 36, 25 pieces; and Alfred R. Foppiano, Printing Pressmen 39, 15 pieces. Foppiano was the winner in the contest for September.

Heinrichs announced that the contest will continue until further notice.

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Since then she has had a total of 10 operations, including skin grafts, and remained in the hospital 93 days.

**Here is the Itemization of CPS' Payments to date:**

Surgeons . . . . .	\$3,422.15
Assistants, anesthetists, consultants and post-operative care . . . . .	1,013.35
Hospital room and board . . . . .	1,720.50

## Improved School Lunch Plan Urged

By RALPH Q. STEINHAUS  
The Oakland Federation of Teachers is undertaking a study of the school lunch program in an attempt to propose constructive suggestions to the school administration and teaching staff so as to increase the participation of the children in the federally subsidized school lunch program.

Members of the Federation have expressed deep concern over the fact that a very small percentage of the children seem to be taking advantage of the balanced lunches being provided at minimum cost in our school cafeterias.

Teachers at some schools report that as low as 10 percent of the children in their schools buy the regular plate lunch. The large majority, if they do not bring their lunch from home, either buy an inadequate amount in the school cafeteria or run across the street to the neighborhood stores for a coke and a bar of candy. The accumulative effect of inadequate noon lunches for thousands of Oakland children is bound to result in poorer health for our children.

The school administration has indicated its appreciation of the Federation's interest in this problem and it is hoped that with the full cooperation of teachers and administrators something can be done to improve the nutritional standards of our school lunch program. One result of inadequate participation in this school lunch program is that Oakland loses out in thousands of dollars worth of federal help. In an effort to get at this problem the following questions have been proposed by individual teachers:

1. Should the sale of desserts and candies be limited or eliminated in the school cafeterias?

2. Should children be kept on the school grounds during the noon hour so they don't go across the street for soft drinks and candy?

3. What can be done to create greater voluntary participation by children in the nutritionally balanced plate lunch offered in the school cafeterias?

4. Should cake and cookie sales by P.T.A.'s and other groups be forbidden?

The Federation intends to make recommendations on these and other questions in an effort to preserve our children's health.

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## Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939

Following our usual custom during the holiday months, there will be only one meeting of the union in November, Friday, November 12, and only one the following month, on Friday, December 10.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES  
Recording Secretary

## UC Employees 371

University of California Employees Local 371 will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday night, November 13, 1954 at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally yours,  
WALTER REYNERY,  
Secretary

## Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 363 is now due and payable. Brother Robert McLinn, #148326, a member of Local No. 206, San Diego, passed away on September 15, 1954.

Important! In applying for State disability insurance benefits you must:

1—Complete all the items on the claim statement which you can get from your employer.

2—Get your doctor to complete the doctor's certificate.

In addition to the above requirements, you must also observe the following rules to be eligible for the disability insurance benefits:

1—If you are NOT hospitalized, complete and mail the disability insurance claim form after the eighth (8) day following the first full day in which you were too sick to work.

2—if you are hospitalized, complete and mail the claim form after the first day of hospital confinement.

3—Important! The claim form in either case must be mailed not later than the twentieth (20th) day after the first day of your disability if you are to receive credit from the time you first became disabled.

It is your own responsibility to see that the claim and the doctor's certificate are filled out completely and mailed to the Department of Employment at the address on the form. If any item is not completed on the form it will be returned to you for completion and your payment will be delayed.

Chester C. Cluff, a member of our Local, is in serious need of blood donors for his wife. Between doctor bills and hospital bills it is almost impossible for him to pay for blood.

Any member of the Union who can possibly donate blood is urged to do so. Arrangements for time at the blood bank can be made by calling Olympic 4-2924 and be sure to state that blood donation is for Mrs. Evelyn Cluff.

Chester is an old-time member of the Sheet Metal Workers' International as indicated by his membership Number, 50911. Any help that you can give will be appreciated by all of us.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## Hayward Painters 1178

A Special Called meeting of this Local is scheduled for Friday, November 19 next. We will vote on two subjects that are of much importance to all of us. One is a proposed increase in our monthly dues and the other one has to do with some proposed changes in our present agreement.

Christmas Party Chairman Barstow issues an urgent request for the return of the postal cards sent to you through this office last month. These cards filled out and returned to him will assure the "Small Fry" who attends the Christmas Party a present on that occasion. Too, it is the only way the Party Committee has of knowing how much, and what to buy, for the youngsters. Please return these cards as soon as possible.

Call at the office for the annual financial report.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

This is to remind members of the above Local that our regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, with sessions scheduled on that day for 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Painters 127

Just a reminder, brothers: Please fill out those forms for the California State Department of Public Health and send them back to the office.

Brother Robert M. Smith is in Highland Hospital and he needs blood. Anyone wishing to donate blood contact Highland Hospital. The next meeting of this Local will be on Friday, November 19—a Special Called meeting.

Fraternally,  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
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## DRESSING ROOM CHATTER—THEATRICAL EMPLOYEES 8-82

### Theater Union to Vote on By-Laws

By JOE CONNELLY

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday (18th) at 11:30 p.m.

A special order of business is the consideration of a proposed addendum to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties Theatrical Federation.

The proposed addition was submitted by Local 169, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, A. F. L. by brothers Irving S. Cohen and Al Daul, President and Business Manager of that local respectively.

In order that you may be fully cognizant when the proposed addition and vote for approval or disapproval we submit it to you through the medium of this column, as it appears on the official stationery of the Federation over the signature of the Federation Secretary.

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## Watch It With Watchmakers

### Harry Wurthmann, Watchmakers, Dies

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board meeting this month will be a very important meeting inasmuch as the Kaiser Service Plan and the Group Insurance Plan must be discussed and renewed this month. Therefore, Executive Board members and officers, please note the date of the next Executive Board meeting which will be held in the union office, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18-7 p.m.

It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that our former President, Harry Wurthmann, passed away on Tuesday, November 12.

President Glasser, Secretary Thomson and myself officially represented the union at the funeral and acted as pall-bearers.

Two other members of the union were also in attendance at the funeral. They were Mario Aldeghi and Herbert Ristrem. Herbert and Harry, as many of you know, were personal friends of long standing and Harry's passing has been deeply felt by Herbert.

Needless to say, we have lost a loyal member of this organization, and we wish to close our column this week in Harry's memory.

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WILLIAM KEITH, a member of Teamsters 70, died in Hayward on October 22. He was 29. Brother Keith leaves his widow, Marie D.; sons, David and Larry; his mother, Mrs. Ben Keith; and a brother, Grady.

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### OPINIONS

**FRANK DUNN**

Editor, Labor Journal:

May I take this opportunity to say "Thanks" most sincerely for the splendid support I received from the Local Unions and members of the American Federation of Labor in Alameda County during my campaign for election to the Board of Supervisors.

I especially want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the members of the A. F. L. Committee for Francis Dunn" and to the delegates to the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils for creating this committee on my behalf.

I am sure the members of the committee join me in thanking the editorial and mechanical staff of the East Bay Labor Journal and the Journal Press, not alone for the publicity given my campaign but also for the advice and assistance rendered in preparing campaign material. Sometimes at short notice and under great pressure.

It is my fervent prayer that I shall prove worthy of the confidence placed in me by the voters of the Second Supervisorial District and the endorsement and ardent support I have received from the members of Organized Labor.

Sincerely,

FRANCIS DUNN JR.

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**GEO. P. MILLER**

Editor, Labor Journal:

One of the most effective news avenues open to me during the recent campaign was the columns of the Labor Journal. It played no minor part in my re-election.

I appreciate your support and that of your good staff.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. MILLER

Nov. 5, 1954

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### DUE BOOK

A due book is apparently insignificant in itself. Intrinsically it is valued at approximately 15c. But what of other values? How much has it attained in wages, shorter hours, education, medical benefits? If it were possible to compute all of these in dollars and cents we are confident that the figure would be of astronomical proportions—Erie Peterson, general secretary-treasurer, IAM.

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### LOTS OF ROOM

Massachusetts Republican State Chairman Elmer Nelson said on October 28 he has suggested a TV appearance together of President Eisenhower and Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.) to show there is room in the party for differences of opinion.

"Both have the same objective—rooting the communists out—although they may disagree on the method," Nelson said.

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### Editorials

## California's U. S. Senatorship Was Thrown to Wolves by AFL Backers of Anti-Labor Knight

One perfectly good U. S. Senatorship thrown to the wolves! That's what happened in the November 2 election.

For upon AFL political leadership working for the anti-labor Knight and Powers rests the responsibility for the defeat not only of Graves, pro-labor candidate for Governor, but also for the defeat of Yorty, pro-labor candidate for U. S. Senator.

Analysis of the figures brings this out plainly.

The big-population counties which may be classed as industrial, where the labor vote is of very great importance, are: San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa, and Alameda. Graves lost in all of those counties except Alameda county, which he AND Yorty carried.

Yorty lost in all of those industrial counties except Alameda and the smaller industrial county, Contra Costa.

It should be noted that the industrial county, Alameda, where the AFL made the most united stand for BOTH Graves and Yorty, is the one industrial county where BOTH Graves and Yorty carried. In San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, and San Francisco, where the official AFL political leadership had cast in its lot for the reactionary Republican Knight for Governor, yet supported the pro-labor Democrat Yorty for Senator, Yorty lost along with Graves.

The results in those industrial counties is not surprising. If the AFL political leadership puts its major effort into electing a reactionary Republican for Governor, it's inevitable that his unfortunate liberal Democratic "running mate" is bound to suffer. And Yorty did suffer. In effect, his political body was delivered over to death by the Knightist gang in the AFL.

Riding two horses going lickety split in opposite directions has never been a successful method of reaching a worth-while goal.

Graves did very well in the agricultural water-hungry counties of the Central Valley, where a surprising number of farmers and their small-city allies showed that they knew what the Big Business Administration represented in this State by Knight, Nixon, Knowland and Kughel, is doing to natural resources and to agriculture. Graves in the Central Valley actually carried the counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Yolo, and Yuba; and he made an excellent showing in other counties of that tier which he didn't quite carry.

Those counties, Yorty carried several, but in Sacramento county, where the official AFL political leadership was working hard for the reactionary Knight at the same time it was supposed to be working hard for the liberal Yorty, it is interesting to note that while Graves carried the county, Yorty lost it by nearly 6000 votes. The reasonable assumption is that agricultural and water-resource sentiment carried the county for Graves, and that the official AFL group, fuddy-duddy around trying to elect Knight, muffed the job of supporting the liberal Yorty.

Incidentally, Sacramento was the county where Knight in advance of the election handed out a fat State job to the editor of the AFL paper. Yet his paper and the AFL leaders back of it succeeded in carrying their county for NEITHER Knight nor Yorty! Far different were the results in Alameda county, where East Bay Labor Journal and the united AFL leadership back of it worked like the dickens for Graves and Yorty, and certainly contributed much to carrying our county for BOTH of those candidates.

Both have the same objective—rooting the communists out—although they may disagree on the method," Nelson said.

Of course, in the Coast commuter counties such as Marin and San Mateo, where, as one Democratic wit has put it, "babies are born with an ambition to grow up and become Republicans," both Graves and Yorty were swamped; as they were in the Associated Farmer counties of the coast, such as Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Luis, and Orange.

But with the mountain and Central Valley counties doing so well, and with Alameda county showing what can be done when labor unites behind genuinely pro-labor candidates, it's obvious that the responsibility for the defeat of both Graves AND Yorty rests squarely on the shoulders of the misleaders of the AFL in the industrial centers other than Alameda county.

All over the world it's recognized by the politically informed that a United States Senatorship is one of the greatest electoral prizes on this globe.

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## Old-Timer Oakland Newsboys Turn Clock Back at Reunion

"Remember when . . ." stories were a dime a dozen at the Old-Timer Oakland Newsboys Reunion held at Harold's Club here on November 1. It was the first time that the "old gang" had met since 1941, and like their last gathering this one was a highly successful affair attended by some 125 old-timers.

Joe (Roast Beef) Cerelli, who never had a lesson in formal public speaking, won the plaudits of his buddies for his professional and amusing stint as master of ceremonies during the evening. Cerelli, a charter member of Newspaper Drivers 96, is presently Supervisor of Sunday street sales for the Oakland Tribune.

Among other former Oakland newsboys who took the floor to reminisce about "the good old days" were Oakland Chief of Police Lester J. Divine, "Foghorn" Murphy, now a wealthy Los Angeles real estate man; and Joe Wilcox, an employee of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Murphy, especially, entranced the gay gathering with an interesting account of the early days around Oakland and San Francisco before the great earthquake and fire.

Everybody at the affair also got a big kick out of a stunt which was thought up and executed by Joe Cerelli. Cerelli had young local newsboys hawking newspapers with faded headlines proclaiming the reunion. Oldtimer Cello Paulino won the honor of buying the first paper with a \$1 bill.

Perhaps the most memory-evoking event during the evening was stirred up by Frankie Cava when he sang "That Old Gang of Mine." Cava is presently a member of Bartenders 52.

Another enjoyable moment occurred with the reading of a telegram sent by Congressman George P. Miller. Wrote Miller: "Attention! Mr. Walter (Sad Face) Mose Standard (committeeman). Extra, Extra, Old Time Newsboys whoopin' it up at Harold's Club. Good luck and a happy time. As one who

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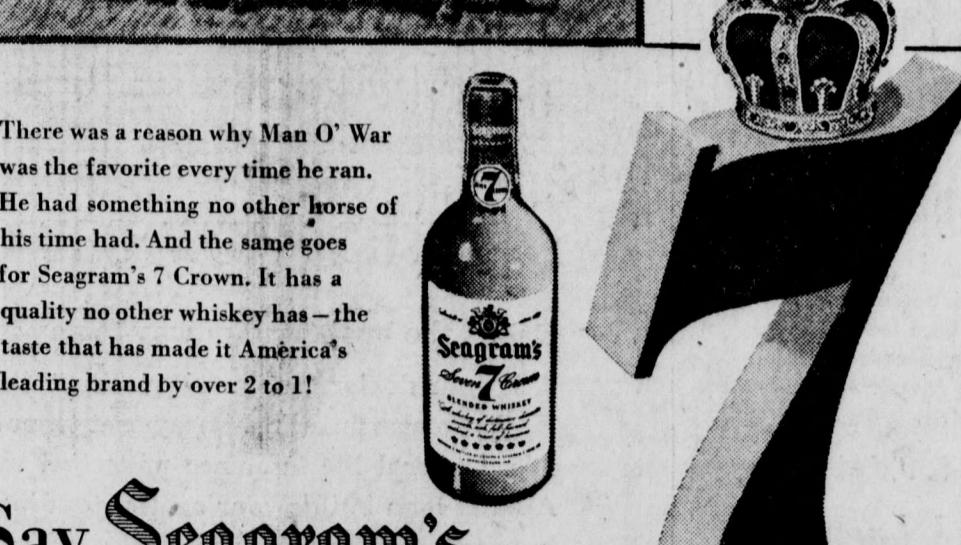
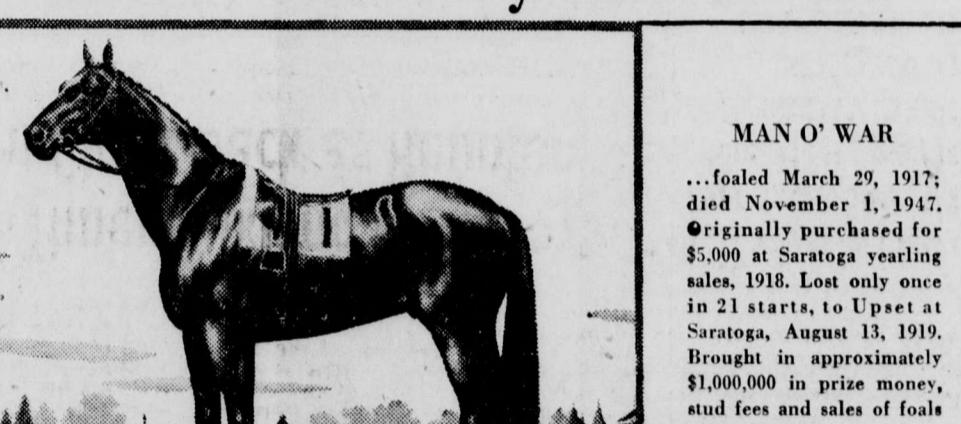
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